

IN THE CLAIMS

54. (amended) A method of communicating information from a calling party to a called party utilizing a paging network, a telephone answering apparatus, and a telephone network, said information including at least caller identification information comprised of voice signal data representative of the identity [and] of said calling party, comprising the [method] steps of:

providing a portable communication device identified in said paging network to said called party;

initiating communication between said calling party [to] and said paging network through said telephone network and said telephone answering apparatus;

within said telephone answering apparatus, automatically detecting from said telephone network caller-id information representing a telephone number of said calling party:

passing information identifying said calling party from said telephone answering apparatus to said paging network; and

[automatically passing said caller-identification information from said telephone network to said paging network without requiring entry of said caller-identification information by said calling party;]

transmitting to said called party portable communication device at least said caller identification information voice signal data from said telephone answering apparatus [and] to said paging network.